December, 2003 had considerably affected the capabilities of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB). However, reports indicate that ULFA have since regrouped themselves to some extent and have resorted to coordinated actions leading to resurgence of violence, particularly in August and October, 2004.

(b) As per reports, following the RBA operations in December, 2003, a large number of ULFA cadres had sneaked into Bangladesh. There are also reports that ULFA leaders and cadres have been staying in Bangladesh and have set up camps/shelters/hideouts in that country.

(c) Reports indicate that ULFA has links with Pak ISI, which in turn has links with Bangladesh based Jehadi organisations.

(d) ULFA has been declared as an 'unlawful association' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 since 1990.

Concern over illegal immigration in the NE States

610. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Census Report 2001 on religion has created much concern in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ethnic groups fear that they are being taken over by illegal immigrants from Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to check the immigrants from neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) There are no official reports received on the concern created by the Census Report 2001 on Religion in the North Eastern States. But the illegal immigration from Bangladesh has been a cause of concern. The Government has been taking several steps to deal with the problem which *inter-alia* include:

(i) Identification and deportation Bangladeshis who are staying illegally after due verification and as per laid down procedure.

(ii) Regular reviews on border management situation with the Government of Bangladesh through an institutional framework comprising meetings of Directors General of the BSF and BDR. The position is also reviewed in the meetings of the Joint Working Group, Home Secretary level talks besides being discussed at the diplomatic and political levels.

(iii) Setting up police posts to check infiltration from Bangladesh.

(iv) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling.

(v) Conduct of special operations and upgradation of intelligence network.

(vi) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads.

Talks with PWG by Andhra Pradesh

611. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States like West Bengal have questioned a Southern State's decision to invite the Peoples War Group for talks, which did not have federal sanction or the approval of other States; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government to Andhra Pradesh's decision to talk to Maoist rebels who are intensifying operations in jungles in several States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Law to deal with communal violence

612. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 814 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 2004 and state by when the proposed bill is likely to be brought forward?